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Memo to File

Re: Agenda for Diversion Control Net Meeting of 3 Feb 54

1. It is believed useful to begin within E/ST a procedure for coordinating matters to be presented by us or discussed by us at each weekly DCN meeting. To this end, I have made an informal check of E/ST analysts today to inquire whether they had any items (cases) they wished considered or on which they desired to ask or to recommend relative to further processing by DCN agencies.

2. It is suggested that as soon as possible, there be some sort of inter-agency intercommunication on the subject of each week's agenda, so that E/ST can prepare its supporting data most usefully, and so that, on occasion an E/ST analyst can participate in a DCN meeting, when his commodity is under particularly detailed examination. It should be more practicable to permit such E/ST participation when this Branch moves to Central building. It is hoped that the Auditorium in that building may be used as a regular meeting place for the DCN.

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3. [REDACTED] will represent E/ST at the DCN meeting on 3 Feb 54. From reports to me, it appears that the agenda will consist (in part) of the following items:

(a) Case re movement of tank spare parts from Italy to France

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(Cognizant E/ST analyst: [REDACTED] Our case files should be brought by our representative to meeting. Tuckerman (EDS-State) phoned [REDACTED] on Fri., 29 Jan 54 to coordinate Deptel to Rome and Paris and latter, in [REDACTED] absence agreed that Tuckerman's tgm seemed suitable. [REDACTED] suggested to Tuckerman and Coster a comparison of respective files at 3 Feb DCN meeting.)

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(b) PD 854

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(Cognizant E/ST analyst: [REDACTED] Coster phoned [REDACTED] 2 Feb 54 requesting we be prepared recommend action. This PD was disseminated by E/ST to MDAC and EDS 22 Jan 54.)

(c) PD 019

(Same comment as in (b)).

(d) PD 013

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4. General guidance: Chief E/ST has suggested recently that our DCN representative should begin to stress necessity for showing "results", for pressing action agencies to indicate to us what action has been taken as a result of the intelligence furnished. This is in line with the responsibility placed on E/ST for recording and monitoring the follow-up on the intelligence presented. This general additional emphasis on "results" may be attributed to our being required to demonstrate by way of a "six months progress report" what we have contributed during the past months of our organization.

5. Following up on the general objective stated in the preceding paragraph, the logical and non-controversial way to undertake such a campaign may be to refer to the final paragraph of our routine (in form) disseminations, which paragraph says in effect, "keep E/ST posted on further developments re your use of this information". Presumably, if action is taken, outgoing messages find their way into our files. However, there are possibilities of inaction or of our not getting the information into our files due to communication vagaries. Therefore, it may become desirable (and the possibility should be considered) of a routine check off procedure at each DCN meeting whereby our representative obtains a reference of an outgoing instruction or cable based on any item disseminated by this office to a DCN member during the preceding week.

6. Another approach toward the general objective stated in paragraph 4 is to try to push harder on selected cases that are more prominent, due to inherent importance or dramatic characteristics.

7. For guidance: note that Chief, E/ST has under general consideration the question of the degree of administrative support (as distinguished from intelligence data support) this office should furnish to the DCN. This matter has been raised by reason of the discussion at DCN meetings of the possibility and desirability of other agencies coordinating their case files with those of E/ST based on master lists prepared and disseminated by E/ST. I have expressed the opinion that EDS and MDAC are in a very early organizational period, and that the materials are voluminous; I have suggested that it may not be unreasonable for E/ST to furnish them with copies of materials which we find it necessary to prepare for our own internal organization of our files. However, this subject is one that has not settled, and Chief, E/ST is to discuss DCN support personally with Beresford. As a matter of principle, Chief, E/ST is concerned that the DCN not be bogged down with administrative details to the detriment of devoting energies to the prosecution of case work.

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Chief, E/ST